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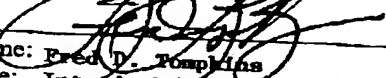
The University of Tennessee Research Foundation, formerly The University of Tennessee Research Corporation, assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded at the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012601, Frame 0916, on April 19, 2002, hereby disclaims except as provided below the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the earlier of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 and §156 of U.S. Patent 6,384,087 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and

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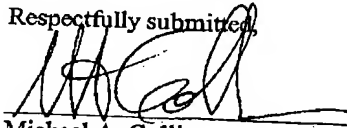
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3. Amendment and Response.

During a telephone conference with Supervisory Examiner Padmanabhan this morning, Applicant's counsel was informed that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has no record of having received the December 2, 2003 Amendment and Response. This Resubmission is intended to replace the papers that were apparently misplaced at the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, as advised by Examiner Padmanabhan, no extension fee is due. However, if a fee is determined to be due, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Given that almost three months have passed since the Response was filed, and action on a Response filed after a Final Office Action is generally due within one month, Applicant requests expedited consideration of the Amendment and Response, and early allowance of the application. In the event that Applicant needs to make other submissions requiring extension fees, Applicant will seek a reduction or waiver of such fees at that time, due to the loss of papers at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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